

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2016

SUBJECT: **Miami Beach Boys and Girls Club**

The purpose of this LTC is to notify the Mayor and City Commission that the Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami Dade (Boys and Girls Club), obtained its Temporary Certificate of Occupancy March 31st for its newly-constructed center located at Flamingo Park. The Club is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:45am on May 5th and will be forwarding invitations to you shortly.

The Boys and Girls Club construction project had an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 and was partially funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The new facility will provide income-eligible, resident youth with a state-of-the-art learning facility that includes:

- Game room
- Teaching kitchen
- Teen center
- Technology lab
- Art room
- Community room
- Homework room

The Boys and Girls Club has been providing after-school care, camp days and summer camps services in the City for more than 30 years. However, the previous facility flooded and exceeded capacity triggering the need for a bigger and safer facility. The Boys and Girls Club had been operating from the Feinberg-Fisher K-8 Center during construction.

Boys and Girls Club will offer an educational after-school and summer program for up to 400 youth ages 5 to 18 (including kids with disabilities). Some of the activities provided in the facility will include community service projects, teams mentoring younger youth, tutorials, homework assistance, ACT/SAT preparation, career preparedness, apprenticeship through a partnership with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and summer employment for approximately eight (8) teens during summer camp.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.


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Boys and Girls Club files FY06/07, 07/08 and 09/10